

### **Abul Qäsim Thäbit bin Hazm of Spain**

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There is an excellent book in Arabic linguistics from Spain *Ad Daläil*. Imäm Zhabäbî mentions it under the profile of **Abul Qäsim Thäbit bin Hazm**, former Qäzî of Sarqastah in Spain.

The original writer of this book was not the above mentioned Qäzî himself, but his genius, talented son, Qäsim bin Thäbit who died young. Then the father completed his incomplete work.

Imäm Zhabäbî writes about him that owing to his extraordinary talent, he was offered the post of the city judge. But he rejected it. When his elderly father pressured him to accept the post, he requested for a time of 3 days for thinking over it. But before the three days ended, he had left for his heavenly abode. His followers say that he was among those whose prayers (supplications, duä) are accepted immediately by Alläh. Perhaps, in these three days of reprieve, he had prayed for this deliverance only.

Comment: Money is important, so are high offices and honours, respectability and status. But not always, for everyone. May Alläh make us among such people!